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Re: Rule 1.53(b) Continuation-in-Part Application of U.S. Application
No. 09/294,764
Title: NOVEL GROWTH FACTOR OPA1 AND USES THEREOF
Inventor: David E. Weinstein
Our File: 96700/595

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a Rule 1.53(b) Continuation-in-Part Application of U.S. Application No. 09/294,764, in the name of Dr. David E. Weinstein and entitled NOVEL GROWTH FACTOR OPA1 AND USES THEREOF, including the following:

1. Specification - 44 pages
2. Claims - 5 pages
3. Abstract - 1 page
4. Drawings - 13 pages, Figures 1-4, 5A-5B, 6, 7A-7B and 8.

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